

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

PRIVATE ADMONITION. ODC File No. 2012-0301-B. Effective Date: February 27, 2014

A Cameroonian lawyer who was admitted in 2009 as a Foreign Legal Consultant to the Delaware bar pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 55.2 was privately admonished for violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct ("Rules"). Under Supreme Court Rule 55.2 a Foreign Legal Consultant may not hold oneself out as a member of the Delaware bar or provide legal advice on the laws of Delaware.

In April 2011, the lawyer appeared and filed a response to a motion for summary judgment on a Delaware matter in the Court of Common Pleas. After being contacted by the ODC, the lawyer advised the ODC he misunderstood the scope of his status as a Foreign Legal Consultant and would not engage in the unauthorized practice of law again. In November 2011, the lawyer represented four Delaware residents for injuries they sustained in a motor vehicle accident that occurred earlier in New Castle, Delaware. In February 2012, the lawyer represented in a law school article that he was a "member of both the Delaware and Cameroon bars" and handled "corporate and family law matters for clients in both venues." The lawyer also is listed on multiple websites including avvo.com, whitepages.com, immigrationlawyer.com, linkedin.com, and lawyer.com indicating he is licensed to practice law in Delaware.

The private sanction was offered by a panel of the Preliminary Review Committee ("PRC"), and imposed with the consent of the lawyer. The lawyer admitted violations of **Rule 5.5(a) and (b)** for practicing law beyond the scope of permission granted to foreign legal consultants and **Rule 7.1** for making misleading statements on several websites and in a law school article that the lawyer handles both corporate and family law matters for clients in Delaware.